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Spontaneous Magnetization in Lorentz Invariant Theories

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Abstract

In a class of three-dimensional Abelian gauge theories with both light and heavy fermions, heavy chiral fermions can trigger dynamical generation of a magnetic field, leading to the spontaneous breaking of the Lorentz invariance. Finite masses of light fermions tend to restore the Lorentz invariance.

It has been shown in refs. [1, 2] that in a variety of classes of three-dimensional gauge theories described by

$$\begin{aligned}\mathcal{L} = & -\frac{1}{4} F_{\mu\nu} F^{\mu\nu} - \frac{\kappa_0}{2} \varepsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} A_\mu \partial_\nu A_\rho \\ & + \sum_a \frac{1}{2} [\bar{\psi}_a, (\gamma_a^\mu (i\partial_\mu + q_a A_\mu) - m_a) \psi_a],\end{aligned}\quad (1)$$

the Lorentz invariance of the vacuum is spontaneously broken via dynamical generation of a magnetic field. In other words, it has been established that for these models there exists a variational ground state, in which $\langle F_{12}(x) \rangle = -B \neq 0$, that has a lower energy density than the perturbative ground state. Quantum fluctuations play a crucial role in lowering the energy density for these states.¹ In the previous papers models with $\kappa_0 \neq 0$ and $m_a \ll q_a^2$ were considered.

There are two crucial ingredients. First, once a magnetic field is dynamically generated, the fermion energy spectrum is characterized by that of Landau levels. The lowest level has an energy $\epsilon_{a0} = m_a$. In the massless fermion limit $\epsilon_{a0} = 0$ so that a perturbative ground state is infinitely degenerate. This degeneracy is lifted by interactions. With certain conditions satisfied, a variational state, in which the lowest Landau levels of chirality + fermions are completely occupied, whereas those of chirality - fermions are empty, has the lowest energy.[1] Secondly it is recognized that the lowering of the energy density by a non-vanishing magnetic field is mainly due to the shift in zero-point energies of photons. If $\kappa_0 \neq 0$, a photon is topologically massive in perturbation theory. Once $B \neq 0$ is generated, a photon becomes a gapless mode, serving as the Nambu-Goldstone boson associated with the spontaneous breaking of the Lorentz invariance. Hence zero-point energies are shifted, resulting in lowering the energy density of the ground state.[2, 4]

Recently Gusynin, Miransky, and Shovkovy have shown that in a model with an external magnetic field and an additional four-fermi interaction, flavor-nonsinglet condensate $\langle \bar{\psi}_a \psi_a \rangle$ can be spontaneously generated.[5, 6] Again the existence of infinitely degenerate perturbative ground states in the massless fermion limit plays a crucial role.

We here stay within renormalizable theories described by (1) with general fermion

¹Cea has considered a variational ground state with $B \neq 0$, which, however, differs from ours.[3]

content to obtain a criterion for the spontaneous magnetization ($B \neq 0$) to occur. We shall also evaluate contributions to the energy density due to finite fermion masses.

A brief review is in order. In (1) ψ_a is a two-component Dirac spinor. These spinors, in $2 + 1$ dimensions, are characterized by the signature of the two-dimensional Dirac matrices via the chirality $\eta_a = \frac{i}{2} \text{Tr} \gamma_a^0 \gamma_a^1 \gamma_a^2 = \pm 1$. We utilize the representation $\gamma_a^\mu = (\eta_a \sigma_3, i\sigma_1, i\sigma_2)$. Since the model is invariant under charge conjugation and the transformation $m_a \rightarrow -m_a$ is equivalent to the transformation $\gamma_a^\mu \rightarrow -\gamma_a^\mu$ or $\eta_a \rightarrow -\eta_a$, one can take $q_a > 0$ and $m_a \geq 0$ without loss of generality.

As in [1] we have the expression for the energy density

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{E} &= \mathcal{E}(B \neq 0) - \mathcal{E}(B = 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}B^2 + \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{f.z.e.}} + \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{fluct}} \\ \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{fluct}} &\sim \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \left\{ \text{tr} \ln (1 - \Gamma^{(2)} D_0) \Big|_{qB, \nu} - (B \rightarrow 0) \right\} \\ &= -\frac{i}{2} \int \frac{d^3p}{(2\pi)^3} \ln \frac{(1 + \Pi_0) \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{p^2} (p_0^2 \Pi_0 - \vec{p}^2 \Pi_2) \right\} - \frac{1}{p^2} (\kappa_0 - \Pi_1)^2}{(B \rightarrow 0)} . \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

$\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{f.z.e.}}$ is the shift in fermion zero-point energies in a given uniform magnetic field. $\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{fluct}}$ represents the shift in the energy density due to quantum fluctuations of fields, and is approximated by the RPA correction $\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}}$. The vertex functions Γ , the bare and full photon propagators D_0 and D , and the invariant functions Π 's are related by

$$\begin{aligned} \Gamma^{\mu\nu}(p) &= (D_0^{-1} - D^{-1})^{\mu\nu} \\ &= (p^\mu p^\nu - p^2 g^{\mu\nu}) \Pi_0 + i\epsilon^{\mu\nu\rho} p_\rho \Pi_1 \\ &\quad + (1 - \delta^{\mu 0})(1 - \delta^{\nu 0})(p^\mu p^\nu - \vec{p}^2 \delta^{\mu\nu})(\Pi_2 - \Pi_0). \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

The superscript for Γ in (2) indicates that $\Gamma(p)$ is approximated by $\text{O}(e^2)$ diagrams.

Much as in [1, 2] we obtain a consistency condition which the fermion content must satisfy in order that there be symmetry breaking. Equations of motion imply, in the true vacuum, that $\kappa_0 \langle F_{12} \rangle = \langle J^0 \rangle$. Since $\langle J^0 \rangle = \Pi_1(0) \langle F_{12} \rangle$, the relation $\kappa_0 = \Pi_1(0)$ must be satisfied in order for $B = -\langle F_{12} \rangle$ to be nonvanishing. This consistency condition

was shown to relate to the Nambu-Goldstone theorem associated with the spontaneous breaking of the Lorentz invariance. The dynamically generated nonzero magnetic field must accompany a gapless excitation, which is the photon of the theory.² Since the induced Chern-Simons term has a coefficient $-\Pi_1(0)$, one can phrase that the bare Chern-Simons term must be exactly cancelled by the induced Chern-Simons term in order to have $B \neq 0$.

We now consider some definite cases of fermion content. Suppose that there are light fermions ($m_{\text{light}} \ll q^2$) and heavy fermions ($m_{\text{heavy}} \gg q^2$). In perturbation theory

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_0|_{B=0} &= \Pi_2|_{B=0} = \sum \frac{q_a^2}{8\pi} \frac{1}{(-p^2)^{1/2}} \left(\sqrt{z_a} + (1 - z_a) \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z_a}} \right) \\ \Pi_1(p)|_{B=0} &= - \sum \eta_a \frac{q_a^2}{4\pi} \sqrt{z_a} \sin^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + z_a}}, \quad z_a = \frac{4m_a^2}{-p^2}.\end{aligned}\quad (4)$$

This gives, for the part of heavy fermion contributions,[11, 12, 13]

$$\Pi_1^{\text{heavy}}(0)|_{B=0} = - \sum_{\text{heavy}} \eta_a \frac{q_a^2}{4\pi} = \kappa_{\text{heavy}}. \quad (5)$$

In the presence of $B \neq 0$ the energy spectrum of fermions has the structure of Landau levels $\epsilon_{an} = \sqrt{m_a^2 + 2nq_a|B|}$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$). There is asymmetry in the $n = 0$ modes. $\Pi_1(0)$ is found to be

$$\Pi_1(0)|_{B \neq 0} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum \eta_a q_a^2 \left(\nu_a - \frac{1}{2} \right). \quad (6)$$

Here ν_a is the filling fraction of the Lowest Landau level. We suppose that either $\nu_a = 0$ (empty) or $\nu_a = 1$ (completely filled).

The lowest Landau level has an energy m_a . Hence for heavy fermions we may assume that the lowest Landau levels are completely empty, and assign a filling factor $\nu_a = 0$. The approximation is valid for $|B| \ll m_{\text{heavy}}^{3/2}$. Comparing (6) with (5), one finds

$$\Pi_1^{\text{heavy}}(0)|_{B \neq 0} = \Pi_1^{\text{heavy}}(0)|_{B=0} \equiv -\kappa_{\text{heavy}} \quad (7)$$

Further heavy fermion contributions to Π_0 and Π_2 at low energies ($|p^2| \ll m_{\text{heavy}}^2$) are $O(q^2/m_{\text{heavy}})$. In other words, the only effect of heavy fermions at low energies is to shift the bare Chern-Simons coefficient κ_0 to $\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}$.

²The possibility of regarding a photon as a Nambu-Goldstone boson has been discussed by Bjorken[8], by Nambu[9], and by Kovner and Rosenstein[10]. Our picture is different from theirs. In our case the Lorentz invariance is spontaneously broken in the physical content.

The variational ground state (true vacuum) is specified with $\{\nu_a ; a \in \text{light fermions}\}$. The consistency condition to be satisfied is thus

$$\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a q_a^2 \left(\nu_a - \frac{1}{2} \right) . \quad (8)$$

Even if the bare Chern-Simons coefficient $\kappa_0 = 0$, the requisite consistency condition can be satisfied.

To be more definite, we consider the following models:

[Model A] The light fermion content is chirally symmetric. In other words, light fermions come in a pair of $(m_a, q_a, \eta_a = \pm)$. $\{\nu_a\}$ must satisfy (8).

[Model B] This is a special case of model A, in which $\nu_a = 1$ or 0 for $\eta_a = +$ or $-$, respectively. In this case the consistency condition is reduced to

$$\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}} = \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^2 . \quad (9)$$

[Model C] In model B we suppose that $q_a = q$ and $m_a = m$ ($a = 1 \sim N_f$). The consistency condition is

$$\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}} = \frac{N_f q^2}{4\pi} . \quad (10)$$

The shift in zero-point energies of photons between the perturbative vacuum and the variational ground state is given by [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{E} &= \int \frac{d\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \omega(\vec{p})_{B \neq 0} - \omega(\vec{p})_{B=0} \right\} \\ &\sim \int \frac{d\vec{p}}{(2\pi)^2} \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + \kappa_{\text{tot}}^2(p)_{B \neq 0}} - \sqrt{\vec{p}^2 + \kappa_{\text{tot}}^2(p)_{B=0}} \right\} , \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

where $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p) = \kappa_0 - \Pi_1(p)$. In model A $\Pi_1(p)^{\text{light}} = 0$ identically to $\mathcal{O}(e^2)$. Hence, for $p^2 \ll m_{\text{heavy}}^2$, $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B=0} \sim \kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}$. On the other hand the consistency condition implies that $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(0)_{B \neq 0} = 0$. For large $|\vec{p}|$, $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B \neq 0} \sim \kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B=0}$. The deviation develops below l_{ave}^{-1} where l_{ave} is a characteristic magnetic length. For $m_{\text{light}} = 0$ [2]

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{l_{\text{ave}}^2} &= \frac{|\sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^3|}{|\sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^2|} \times |B| \quad (\text{model A}) \\ &= \frac{\sum_{\text{light}} q_a^3}{\sum_{\text{light}} q_a^2} \times |B| \quad (\text{model B}) . \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

To get an estimate of (11), we approximate $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B \neq 0} = 0$ and $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B=0} = \kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}$ for $|\vec{p}| \leq l_{\text{ave}}^{-1}$, whereas $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B \neq 0} = \kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B=0}$ for $|\vec{p}| \geq l_{\text{ave}}^{-1}$. Then

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mathcal{E} &\sim -\frac{1}{8\pi} \frac{|\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}|}{l_{\text{ave}}^2} + \mathcal{O}(l_{\text{ave}}^{-3}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{32\pi^2} \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^3 \cdot |B| \quad (\text{model B})\end{aligned}\quad (13)$$

for $|\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}| l_{\text{ave}} \gg 1$. As (11) and (13) are negative definite, the energy density \mathcal{E} is indeed lowered for the vacuum state with $B \neq 0$ provided that $\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}}$, $\sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^2$, and $\sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^3$ are all non-vanishing and that the consistency condition (8) is satisfied. In particular, even if the bare Chern-Simons term is absent ($\kappa_0 = 0$), heavy fermions can induce a dynamical magnetic field $B \neq 0$.

The same conclusion is obtained more convincingly by evaluating (2). We recall [1]

$$\begin{aligned}\Pi_0(p)|_{B \neq 0} - \Pi_0(p)|_{B=0} &= \sum_{\text{light}} \nu_a \frac{q_a^2}{2\pi} \frac{1}{p_0} \left\{ \frac{1}{2 - p^2 l_a^2 - 2m_a p_0 l_a^2} - \frac{1}{2 - p^2 l_a^2 + 2m_a p_0 l_a^2} \right\} + \mathcal{O}(B^2) \\ \Pi_1(p)|_{B \neq 0} - \Pi_1(p)|_{B=0} &= \sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a \frac{q_a^2}{2\pi} \left\{ \frac{1}{2 - p^2 l_a^2 - 2m_a p_0 l_a^2} + \frac{1}{2 - p^2 l_a^2 + 2m_a p_0 l_a^2} \right\} + \mathcal{O}(B^2) \\ \Pi_2(p)|_{B \neq 0} - \Pi_2(p)|_{B=0} &= \mathcal{O}(B^2)\end{aligned}\quad (14)$$

where $l_a^{-2} = |q_a B|$. When $m_a = 0$, $\Pi_0(p)_{B=0} = \Pi_2(p)_{B=0} = (\sum_{\text{light}} q_a^2 / 16)(-p^2)^{-1/2}$ and $\Pi_1(p)_{B=0} = -\kappa_{\text{heavy}}$ for $|-p^2| \ll m_{\text{heavy}}^2$. Inserting these with (14) into (11) gives the result [2]

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}} &= -\frac{\sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^3}{2\pi^3} \cdot \tan^{-1} \frac{8 \sum_{\text{light}} \eta_a \nu_a q_a^2}{\pi \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^2} \cdot |B| + \mathcal{O}(|B|^{3/2}) \\ &= -\frac{1}{4\pi^3} \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^3 \cdot |B| + \mathcal{O}(|B|^{3/2}) \quad (\text{model B}).\end{aligned}\quad (15)$$

Comparing this with (13), one finds that the shift in zero-point energies accounts for half of the RPA effect.

Recently Cangemi, D'Hoker and Dunne have evaluated the effective potential in a magnetic field, supposing that all Landau levels are empty in the vacuum.[7] They found

that a uniform constant magnetic field configuration shows instability against forming inhomogeneity. Cangemi et al.'s variational vacuum state corresponds to $\{\nu_a = 0\}$ whereas in our variational vacuum $\nu_a = 1$ for $\eta_a = +$. It is desirable to evaluate the effective potential for a general vacuum state specified with $\{\nu_a\}$.

In passing, if $\nu_a = 0$ in model A, the consistency condition (8) becomes $\kappa_0 + \kappa_{\text{heavy}} = -(4\pi)^{-1} \sum \eta_a q_a^2 = 0$. Further, from the symmetry $\Pi_1(p)_{\text{light}} = 0$. Hence both $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B=0}$ and $\kappa_{\text{tot}}(p)_{B \neq 0}$ vanish for $p^2 \ll m_{\text{heavy}}^2$. In other words the state with $(B \neq 0, \nu_a = 0)$ has a higher energy density than the state with $B = 0$.

It is straightforward to evaluate $\mathcal{O}(m_a)$ corrections to $\Delta\mathcal{E}$. We evaluate them in model C, supposing $q_a = q, m_a = m \neq 0$. $\Delta\mathcal{E}/q^6$ is a function of two dimensionless parameters m/q^2 and $|B|/q^3$. We shall find an expression for $\Delta\mathcal{E}$ valid for $m^2/q^4 \ll |B|/q^3 \ll 1$. (Note $(ml)^2 = m^2/(q|B|) \ll 1$.)

Corrections to $\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}}$ are found from (2) and (14). Π_0 and Π_1 give corrections of $\mathcal{O}(m)$ and $\mathcal{O}(m^2)$, respectively. Hence a dominant correction comes from Π_0 and is found to be

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}}^{\text{mass}} &= \frac{N_f^2 q^4 m}{48\pi^3} f(y) \quad \text{where } y = \left(\frac{16}{N_f}\right)^2 \frac{|B|}{q^3} \quad (\text{model C}) \\ f(y) &= y \int_0^\infty dk \frac{k^3(\sqrt{y}k + 1)}{(\sqrt{y}k + 1)^2(k^2 + 2)^2 + (16k^4/\pi^2)} \\ &\sim \frac{1}{2(1 + 16/\pi^2)} y \left\{ -\ln y + 1.8 \right\} \quad \text{for } y < 0.1 . \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Notice that $\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{RPA}}^{\text{mass}} > 0$.

Secondly the lowest Landau level has an energy m_a so that a contribution from occupied levels is

$$\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{occupied}}^{\text{mass}} = \sum_{\text{light}} \frac{\nu_a m_a}{2\pi l_a^2} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} \nu_a m_a q_a |B| . \quad (17)$$

It is positive.

There is another important contribution coming from a shift in fermion zero-point energies. Landau levels are given by $\epsilon_{an} = \sqrt{m_a^2 + (2n/l_a^2)}$. Recalling that there is asymmetry in the lowest level, i.e. the $n = 0$ level exists for either a particle or an anti-particle,

one finds that fermion zero-point energies in the presence of a uniform magnetic field are

$$\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{f.z.e.}} = \sum_{\text{light}} \frac{1}{2\pi l_a^2} \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}m_a - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sqrt{m_a^2 + \frac{2n}{l_a^2}} \right\} . \quad (18)$$

To evaluate this sum we utilize the standard zeta-function technique, taking

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\lambda_n^s} = \sum_n \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \int_0^{\infty} dt t^{s-1} e^{-\lambda_n t} . \quad (19)$$

Here we have $\lambda_n \equiv m^2 + (2n/l^2)$ and need to calculate $\zeta(-\frac{1}{2})$. The substitution $u \equiv 2nt/l^2$ immediately leads to

$$\begin{aligned} \zeta(s) &= \left(\frac{l^2}{2}\right)^s \frac{1}{\Gamma(s)} \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} \int_0^{\infty} du u^{s-1} \exp\left(-u - \frac{m^2 l^2}{2n} u\right) \\ &= \left(\frac{l^2}{2}\right)^s \zeta_R(s) - m^2 \left(\frac{l^2}{2}\right)^{s+1} \zeta_R(s+1) + \dots . \end{aligned} \quad (20)$$

Here ζ_R is the Riemann zeta function and the expansion is valid for $m^2 l^2 \ll 1$. In particular

$$\zeta(-\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{4\pi} \zeta_R(\frac{3}{2}) \left(\frac{l^2}{2}\right)^{-1/2} - m^2 \left(\frac{l^2}{2}\right)^{1/2} \zeta_R(\frac{1}{2}) + \dots . \quad (21)$$

Note $\zeta_R(\frac{3}{2}) = 2.61238$ and $\zeta_R(\frac{1}{2}) = -1.46035 < 0$.

Utilizing (21) in (18), one finds

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{f.z.e.}} &= \sum_{\text{light}} \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \zeta_R(\frac{3}{2}) \frac{1}{l_a^3} - \sum_{\text{light}} \frac{m_a}{4\pi l_a^2} + \mathcal{O}(m^2) \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \zeta_R(\frac{3}{2}) \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^{3/2} |B|^{3/2} - \frac{1}{4\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} m_a q_a |B| + \mathcal{O}(m^2) \\ &\quad \text{for } \frac{m^2}{q^4} \ll \frac{|B|}{q^3} \ll 1 \end{aligned} \quad (22)$$

Notice that the second term (linear in m_a) is negative. This behavior has been noticed by Gusynin, Miransky, and Shovkovy in a different context.[5] (17) and (22) combine to give

$$\begin{aligned} &\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{occupied}}^{\text{mass}} + \Delta\mathcal{E}_{\text{f.z.e.}} \\ &= \frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \zeta_R(\frac{3}{2}) \sum_{\text{light}} q_a^{3/2} |B|^{3/2} + \frac{1}{2\pi} \sum_{\text{light}} (\nu_a - \frac{1}{2}) m_a q_a |B| + \mathcal{O}(m^2) . \end{aligned} \quad (23)$$

We recognize that in model B the second term vanishes.

Combining the results of (15), (16), and (23), one finds, in model C,

$$\begin{aligned}
\frac{1}{q^6} \Delta\mathcal{E} &= \frac{1}{2} \frac{B^2}{q^6} - \frac{N_f}{4\pi^3} \tan^{-1} \frac{4}{\pi} \cdot \frac{|B|}{q^3} + \frac{N_f \zeta_R(\frac{3}{2})}{4\sqrt{2}\pi^2} \cdot \left(\frac{|B|}{q^3}\right)^{3/2} \\
&\quad + \frac{N_f^2 m}{48\pi^3 q^2} f\left(\frac{256|B|}{N_f^2 q^3}\right) + \mathcal{O}(m^2, B^2) \\
&\sim \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{N_f}{16}\right)^2 y^2 - 0.117 \left(\frac{N_f}{16}\right)^3 y + 0.749 \left(\frac{N_f}{16}\right)^4 y^{3/2} \\
&\quad + 0.0328 \left(\frac{N_f}{16}\right)^2 \frac{m}{q^2} y (-\ln y + 1.8) + \mathcal{O}(m^2) \\
&\text{for } \frac{m^2}{q^4} \ll y = \left(\frac{16}{N_f}\right)^2 \frac{|B|}{q^3} < 0.1
\end{aligned} \tag{24}$$

We have restored the Maxwell energy term $\frac{1}{2}B^2$. Other $\mathcal{O}(B^2)$ corrections have much smaller coefficients.

We observe that finite masses of light fermions tend to restore the Lorentz symmetry. $\Delta\mathcal{E}(y)$ develops a minimum at $y_{\min} \neq 0$. As m gets bigger, y_{\min} decreases and $\Delta\mathcal{E}(y_{\min})$ increases. More specifically

	m/q^2	y_{\min}	$\Delta\mathcal{E}_{\min}/q^6$	$(ml)^2 _{\min}$	
$N_f = 16$	0.	9.2×10^{-3}	-3.7×10^{-4}		(25)
	0.02	8.7×10^{-3}	-3.3×10^{-4}	0.05	
$N_f = 4$	0.	1.0×10^{-1}	-7.1×10^{-5}		
	0.02	7.2×10^{-2}	-3.5×10^{-5}	0.09	

For larger values of m/q^2 the expressions (21) and (24) are not accurate.

In this paper we have shown that heavy fermions can induce spontaneous magnetization through the induced Chern-Simons coefficient at low energies. Further we showed that nonvanishing masses of light fermions tend to restore the Lorentz symmetry by giving a positive slope in the $|B|$ dependence near the minimum of $\Delta\mathcal{E}$.

Our consideration here was limited to the dependence of the energy density on a dynamically generated magnetic field. In view of the recent result by Gusynin et al. [5] it

is of great interest to find the effective action as a function of both dynamically generated magnetic field B and chiral condensate $\langle \bar{\psi}_a \psi_a \rangle$. It may be that both B and $\langle \bar{\psi}_a \psi_a \rangle$ are generated dynamically in a cooperative manner. We shall come back to this point in the near future.

Note added: Recently Kanemura and Matsushita have examined the behaviour of the model (1) at finite temperature in the massless fermion limit.[14] They have found that the coefficient of the linear term $\propto |B|$ in the energy density (15) or (24) remains negative even at finite temperature.

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